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National Organization Recognizes Santana High School Teacher as State Teacher of the Year

Jason Kay selected as PLTW Engineering California Teacher of the Year

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (Jan. 24, 2018) – Jason Kay from Santana High School received one of the highest honors given to Project Lead The Way (PLTW) teachers in the state – PLTW Engineering California Teacher of the Year – Wednesday at the organization’s California State Conference, sponsored by Chevron. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S., through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. In California, more than 1,100 schools offer PLTW programs to students in grades K-12.

PLTW recognized Mr. Kay in front of nearly 1,000 attendees, including teachers from across the state. PLTW President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Vince Bertram presented the award.

“We are grateful to our teachers for their commitment to inspiring and empowering their students with the knowledge and transportable skills needed to thrive in our rapidly changing economy,” Bertram said. “As PLTW Engineering California Teacher of the Year, Jason is a model PLTW teacher.”

Through the PLTW Engineering™ program he instructs, Mr. Kay engages high school students in collaborative, real-life activities. Mr. Kay has been teaching PLTW Engineering for 11 years and is helping to grow the program at other high schools. His students are thriving in their classroom, engaging in afterschool mentorship programs, pursuing industry internships, and winning engineering competitions.

“The greatest skills that Mr. Kay brings to the classroom is his ability to teach in a way that allows students to learn,” said Tim Schwuchow, principal of Santana High School.

Also during the conference, PLTW recognized four other educators as PLTW program teachers of the year and one administrator as educational leader of the year for their outstanding commitment to empowering students to thrive in our evolving world.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information, visit pltw.org.

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